

Church News

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TENNESSEE.

Knoxville: At a Congregational meeting held in the First Church on Sunday, September 19, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Josiah Sibley, of Long Beach, Cal. A committee was appointed at this meeting to purchase a manse.

The Synod of Tennessee will convene in the Woodland Street Presbyterian church, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 12, 1909, 7:30 p. m. The stated clerk will be in that church the afternoon of that day for the purpose of making out the roll. Let stated clerks of the Presbyteries send him at once correct roll of ministers and churches, and also forward to chairmen of permanent committees reports on executive causes.

Look out for notice touching reduced rates to Synod.

Joseph H. Lumpkin, Stated Clerk.

394 South Front Street, Memphis, Tenn.

Members, Synod of Tennessee: The railroads have declined to make reduced rate arrangements for the benefit of those who may attend the approaching meeting of the Synod at Nashville, October 12. The reason assigned for declining is as follows: "The probable attendance being insufficient to justify them in publishing special rates." Therefore, let all ministers use their clergy permits for reduced rates and ruling elders pay regular rates. It is not necessary to get certificates. Should the traveling fund not be sufficient to pay in full all expense of travel what we may have will be pro rated. But if the churches pay their apportionments we will have probably enough to pay all expense of travel.

Joseph H. Lumpkin, Stated Clerk.

Columbia: Rev. S. P. Hawes is in his field again, after a month's vacation in the mountains of West Virginia; the regular Sabbath services in his church, ("Zion," Columbia Presbytery), during his absence, were conducted one Sabbath by Rev. D. D. Little, of Tuscaloosa, and the other Sabbaths by members of "Zion's" session.

The Synod of Tennessee will meet with the Woodland Street Presbyterian church, 512 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday evening, October 12, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. The church extends a most cordial invitation to all those who usually attend this meeting, and would express the hope that every minister in the Synod will attend and that every church will send a representative. Those expecting to attend are requested to communicate with Mr. Leland Hume, care Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co., Nashville, Tenn., who is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements. Upon arrival in Nashville, take street car to Transfer Station, transfer to Woodland street car, getting off at the church where a committee will be glad to take you in hand.

TEXAS.

The Presbytery of Brazos convenes in Columbia, Texas, Oct. 20 3 p. m.

Edna: Rev. R. L. Offield has been ordained and installed as pastor of the Edna Church by the Presbytery of Western Texas.

Yorktown: This church enjoyed a series of special evangelistic services for ten days, closing Friday, September 10. Rev. Brooks I. Dickey, of San Antonio, came to them on the second and preached twice each day. The gospel tent recently purchased by the Presbytery of Western Texas, was used, and many came and heard the Word who would not go to the church. This is an old community, made up almost entirely of German people. Ours is the only church in town whose services are conducted in the English language. The little band of consecrated Christian people were much encouraged and revived. Nine were added to the church. Mr. C. H. Spence, a student in the Austin Seminary, has had charge of this work during the summer, and his services have been very efficient. The work is in better condition than it has ever been, and the outlook more hopeful.

Sabinal: Rev. R. E. Porterfield, of Goliad, came to the aid of the pastor, Rev. P. H. Burney, and conducted a series of services here for ten days, closing Sunday, August 29. His earnest and lucid presentation of the old gospel was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the church and community, and they were strengthened and built up and made more courageous for the pushing of the work. The song service was conducted in a very efficient manner by Mr. C. H. Spence of Yorktown, Rev. Brooks I. Dickey, of San Antonio, assisted for a part of the time. This is an important and growing town on the Southern Pacific west of San Antonio. We have an earnest, consecrated band of people with a devoted pastor, but they are sadly handicapped by the lack of a building. Some of God's people could make a splendid investment, if they would help them to put up a comfortable house of worship there.

Denison: Westminster Presbyterian church. In the spring of 1907 a few Southern Presbyterians of Denison applied to the home missions committee of Dallas Presbytery to be organized into a church. The way being clear, the church was organized, and Rev. I. L. Cunningham called as stated supply. The movement looking to the erection of a building also proved successful, and that, too, without begging, charity fairs, etc. The band numbers about twenty-five, with two elders and three deacons. The location of the building is most fortunate. In a city of more than 20,000 people, in a populous suburban section, on the electric car line from Denison to Sherman, a corner lot with south frontage. The auditorium is almost four square, about forty feet by fifty, beautifully painted and papered, well ventilated, and lighted with electric lights. The best of all, it is paid for, with the

exception of a small loan from the Assembly's committee, and completely equipped with pulpit stand, pews, organ, Bible, hymn books, etc. It was a happy band that met Sunday, September 19, 8 p. m., in a crowded house, for the opening services. The sermon from Ephesians 5: 25 26, 27, "The Glorious Church," was preached by Rev. T. A. Wharton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Sherman. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. A. S. Venable, pastor of the College Park church, Sherman, and member of the Home Missions Committee. The communion elements were distributed by representatives from four churches; two of Denison and two of Sherman. The completion of the church was due in a great measure, to the personal supervision of Mr. T. W. Currie, of the Austin Theological Seminary, whom the committee sent there early in the summer. He leaves shortly for the seminary, and the committee are casting about for a man to succeed him. The field is a very difficult one, but in many respects very inviting. They need a consecrated, self-sacrificing, energetic young man, who is able and willing to endure hardness and live comfortably on \$1000 a year.

D. F. Eagleton.

VIRGINIA.

Salem: The Rev. Leroy Gresham, of Chapel Hill, has accepted the call of the Presbyterian Church of Salem, to succeed the Rev. H. C. V. Campbell.

Mt. Carmel: Rev. A. H. Hamilton, of Steele's Tavern, accompanied by his daughter, has gone to Whiting, Ind., where they will spend several weeks with Mr. Hamilton's son, Mr. Alex McC. Hamilton.

Union, Augusta Co.: Rev. W. C. White, the new pastor of Lochwillow and Union Churches, was installed at Union Sunday morning September 19. Dr. B. F. Wilson preached and propounded the constitutional questions; Rev. C. R. Stribling delivered the charge to the pastor; Rev. J. N. Vandeverter the charge to the people, and Elders R. H. Dudley of Union, and Geo. M. Bear, of Lochwillow, took part in the exercises.

The Presbytery of West Hanover: The Presbytery of West Hanover held its stated fall meeting at the Cove Church on September 21. There were present nine ministers and fifteen elders. The Rev. H. H. Hudson was chosen Moderator, Rev. J. L. Sherman, clerk. On the second day Presbytery united with the church in the celebration of its centennial—that is the one hundredth year of the present church building, the history of the church going back forty years beyond that date. The exercises were of unusual interest. Dr. W. W. Moon presided, and read appropriate Scriptures, Rev. J. C. Painter led in prayer, the moderator, Rev. H. H. Hudson, delivered a congratulatory address to the church, which was responded to in happy vein by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Shannon. Mr. Harry Martin, of the congregation, read a carefully prepared and most interesting historical sketch of the church from